

→ PRETTY IN PINK

These blushing beauties are real palate pleasers.

You're throwing a mid-summer dinner party and need to appeal to red-wine lovers and white-wine sippers alike. What's a host to do? Think pink — rosé, that is. Today's rosés aren't the icky-sweet stuff that gave white zinfandel a bad name: They come in a variety of styles, from dry to pleasantly fruity. Rosés are versatile, they're excellent values, and best of all, they're delicious.



Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2007 Parallèle 45 (\$9)
Delivering a lot of pleasure for a little price, this blend of Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah delights with aromas of raspberries and rose petals.



Cameron Hughes 2006 Lot 37 Grenache Rosé (\$10)
Négociant Cameron Hughes' wine from Spain's Campo de Borja region delivers palate-piquing tastes of strawberries and orange zest with mineral hints of pepper.



Domaines Ott 2006 Chateau de Selle Côte de Provence Rosé (\$42)
This wine is crisp, refreshing, and elegant — what all rosés want to be when they grow up.



Handley Cellars 2003 Brut Rosé (\$36)
Strawberries, apricots, hazelnuts, and bubbles are a tasty combination. This pink sparkler makes any event a celebration.



Kenwood 2007 Russian River Pinot Noir Rosé (\$13)
Drinking this big, bold, and fruity wine is like strolling through a patch of sun-ripened strawberries. It's perfect for warm weather sipping or a backyard barbecue.
— Bill Citara



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